

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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NUMBER OF SICK SSI UNITS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of sick SSI units in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the performance of the various Small Industries Development Corporations in the country, State-wise in the last three years and the funds allocated, disbursed and spent and income earned during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the further steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate the sick SSI units in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a): As per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick small scale industries at the end of March, 2000 was 3,04,235. The State-wise data on sick small scale industries as at the end of March, 2000 are given in Annexure-I.
- (b): Information on the working of all State Small Industries Development Corporations is not centrally available.
- (c): The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries in the country including in the State of Tamil Nadu, which inter alia, includes institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter-Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units.